AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) The rate of royalty is fixed after taking into account several considerattions such as the provisions of the Oil Fields (Regulation & Development) Act, 1948, the need to provide reasonable revenue to the State where oil is produced, the extent to which it would add to the prices of petroleum products, the views of the concerned State Government etc.

(b) and (d) According to the provisions of the Oil Fields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948, the rate of royalty shall not exceed 20 percent of the well head prices of crude oil. The present base price of crude oil received by the oil producing companies, to which the rate of royalty is related, is Rs. 968.00 PMT. The present rate of royalty of Rs. 192.00 PMT is close to the limit of 20 percent.

(c) Yes, Sir.

New LPG Plants

2491. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation setting up more liquified petroleum gas plants ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what are the places where these would be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as under :

S.No.	Location of the bottling plant	Capacity (MTPA)
1.	Tikrikalan Phase-III (Delhi)	25,000
2.	Varanasi (U.P.)	25,000
3.	Vijayawada (A.P.)	10,000
4.	Cochin (Kerala)	25,000
5.	Calicut (Kerala)	10,000
6.	Silchar (Assam)	5,000

Prices of PAS, Oxytetracycline formulations

2492. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) wchether his Ministry fixed the price of PAS, Oxytetracycline and their formulations under DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, when and what was the prices fixed for each ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the prices of bulk drugs and its formulations were revised subsequently;

(d) if so, when and what were the revised price of each ;

(e) what are the names of the companies which are producing PAS and Oxytetracycline and what was the production of each drug of each producer during the last two years, yearwise ; and

(f) what is the present price of each drug and its formulations and when these were fixed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) to (d) and (f) The prices fixed for PAS and Oxytetracycline bulk drugs under DPCO, 1979 and 1987 are given in the Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 150). The details of prices fixed for formulations are quite voluminous. The time and efforts required for collecting these details is not likely to be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(e) The details of production of Oxytetracycline, PAS and its salts during the last two years are given below :

(Unit: Tonnes)

	Production	
	1986-87	1987-88
Oxytetracycline		
M/s IDPL	6.30	29.10
M/s Pfizer	69.55	91.52
PAS & ITS SALTS		
M/s IDPL	26.35	32.45
M/s Biochem Synth.	42.20	15.77
M/s Wander Ltd	17.78	20.55

Delayed supply of LPG cylinders in Bhiwani

2493. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that home delivery of LPG cylinders has been discontinued by M/s Prveen Gas Service, Bhiwani (Haryana);

(b) if not, whether it is a fact that the LPG cylinders are delivered to the consumers after 20 to 25 days of the booking by the dealers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said dealer books the second cylinder only after 25 days of the delivery of first cylinder ; and

(d) whether Government/Bharat Petroleum Corporation have received complaints in this regard, if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, due to delay in the supplies ex Hisar bottling plant, the distributor is presently delivering the cylinders to the consumers after about 12 days of booking.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No complaint in this regard against the distributorship has been received by Bharat Petroleum Corporation.